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**Box Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: February 8, 2002  
For: **Polynucleotide Constructs for Increased Lysine Production**  
Inventors: Li *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Polynucleotide Constructs for Increased Lysine Production**

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
    - i. 36 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 4 pages of claims (Claims 1-25);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - b. 21 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7A, 7B, 7C, 8, 9, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14A, and 14B);
  - c. 28 pages of a paper copy of the sequence listing;
  - d. A computer readable copy of the sequence listing. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the sequence listing and the computer readable copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith in the above application are the same;
  - e. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
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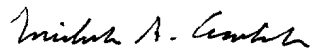
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